Setting up of Steel Plant in Mizoram

3102. DR. C. SILVERA: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up a steel plant either in public or private sector in Mizoram; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b). There is no proposal to set up a steel plant in public sector in Mizoram. However, steel plants can be set up in the private sector for which no Government approval is required.

Food Processing Units in Coimbatore

3103. SHRI C.K. KUPPUSWAMY: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have received any proposal for the setting up of food processing units at Coimbatore in order to utilise the high breed fruits being cultivated there; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[*Translation*]

Dak System in Ghaziabad, U.P.

3104. SHRI CHINMAYANAND SWAMI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Dak system in district Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh particularly in Loni is deteriorating;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government for improving of the Dak system there?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) No, Sir. Mail delivery system in the area is generally satisfactory.

(b) Does not arise in view of the reply to (a) above.

(c) Having regard to the nature of mail delivery system, delivery beats in the area are being reorganised for improving the service further.

Satluj–Yamuna Link Canal

3105. SHRI NARAIN SINGH CHAUDHARY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether an agreement between the then Union Government and Haryana State had been agreed upon in 1986 that the expenditure of the Satluj–Yamuna link canal project would be incurred by the Union Government in full;

(b) whether the agreement has been implemented by the Union Government;

(c) if so, when;

(d) whether the amount spent on the construction of this canal been reimbursed to Haryana Government; and

(e) if so, the amount yet to be incurred on the project?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) to (d). As decided in December 1986 the SYL Canal comprising 121 km. link channel passing through Punjab is fully funded by the Union Government as a special case. Since 1986–87 releases to cover the expenditure on the project are being accordingly made by the Union Government. Till 1985–86, expenditure on the project was being shared by the Governments of Haryana and Punjab and the releases of Rs. 9.57 crores by Punjab and Rs. 110.50 crores by Haryana made till that period towards expenditure on the project has been fully reimbursed to them.

(e) Against its latest approved cost of Rs. 499.12 crores the expenditure till March 1991 was about Rs. 456 crores.

[English]

Fish Products Units in A and N Islands

3106. SHRI HANNAN MOLLAH: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have estimated potentiality of fish products in Andaman and Nicobar Islands;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have any proposal to exploit fishing fully in that region and also for setting up fish products units in a massive way;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps the Government have taken or propose to take to expedite the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) and (b). A Working Group constituted by the Government had estimated pelagic fisheries resources beyond 50 m depth in the Indian EEZ around Andaman & Nicobar Islands to be 1,39,000 tonnes.

(c) to (e). Another Group constituted by the Government in 1991 have drawn plans for development of deep sea fishing infrastructure, processing and export of fish in and from Andaman and Nicobar Islands had, interalia, recommended measures for augmenting fish production and export including joint ventures, introduction of deep sea fishing vessels, infrastucture development etc. Union Territory of Andaman & Nicobar Islands have drawn up plans for development of fishery sector and have formed Andaman & Nicobar Islands Integrated Development Corporation (ANIIDCO).

Projects Delayed by DESU

3107. SHRI JEEWAN SHARMA:
SHRI NITISH KUMAR:

Will the Minister of POWER AND NON–CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of projects undertaken by DESU have been delayed;

(b) if so, the details with reasons thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON–CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (c). Certain projects undertaken by DESU relating to generation and augmentation of